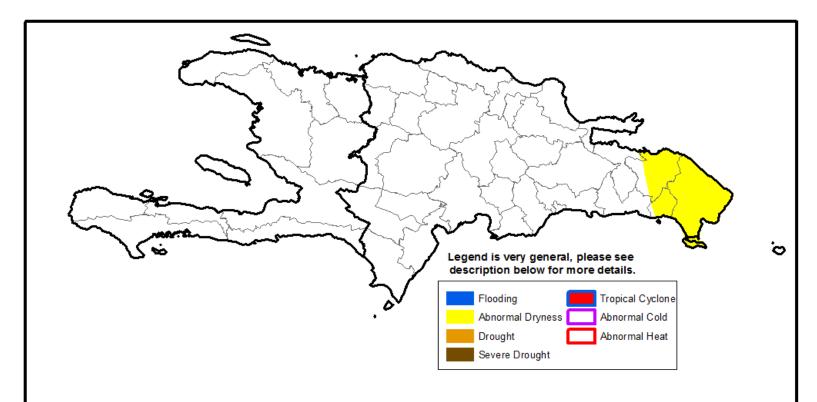


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 21 – August 3, 2016

Dryness persists in eastern Dominican Republic; scattered seasonal rains are the rule elsewhere.



During the past week, the greatest rain totals according to TRMM estimates (>100mm) were observed in central Haiti and Monte Plata province in the Dominican Republic. Moderate rains stretched through most of northern Haiti and some western parts the Dominican Republic. Only light rains fell across most other areas of the island. This pattern served to maintain or increase existing negative rainfall anomalies in areas including La Altagracia, Dominican Republic. The greatest rainfall deficits during the past 30-day period, on the order of 100mm or more, remain in far eastern portions of the island. During the same period, 100mm surpluses can be found in parts of central Haiti. Vegetation indices show normal conditions covering the majority of Hispaniola. Only towards the eastern tip of Hispaniola do some negative signs become evident. During the next week, the weather pattern is expected to continue to yield widespread disorganized showers and thunderstorms across the island. Overall, rain amounts should be typical for the time of year. A welcome return to more normal precipitation amounts could occur in eastern Dominican Republic, putting pause to increasing deficits there.